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OFFICE OF WATER AND WATERSHEDS

April 24, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Travis Wells, General Manager, Public Utilities Branch Warm Springs Indian Reservation PO Box C Warm Springs, Oregon 97761

Re: Sidwalter Public Water System (PWS ID #104101101) Failure to Correct Significant Deficiencies Identified by the 2014 Sanitary Survey under the Ground Water Rule and 2017 Sanitary Survey Significant Deficiencies

Dear Mr. Wells:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the documents contained in this package. The first document is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Notice of Violation under the Ground Water Rule for failure to correct significant deficiencies from the April 24, 2014, sanitary survey. In this letter and enclosures are the details of the violation issued, necessary actions to return the water system to compliance, public notification requirements, a template, and certification form.

The second document is the EPA's Notice of Deficiencies under the Ground Water Rule. In this letter and enclosures are the details of the deficiencies identified during the April 25, 2017, sanitary survey, the specific significant deficiencies that must be addressed, documents that must be sent to EPA, and a copy of the sanitary survey upon which our notification letter was based.

If you have any questions about the documents contained in the package, please contact Michelle Tucker at <u>tucker.michelle@epa.gov</u> or (206) 553-1414. We appreciate your efforts to protect the health of the customers of your drinking water system.

Sincerely,

Marie Jennings

Drinking Water Unit Manager

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Laddie Folster,

Tribal Utility Consultant, Indian Health Services

Mr. Roy Spino Water Manager, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Mr. Russell Graham, Tribal Environmental Health, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs

Mr. Steve Courtney, Operator, Sidwalter Community Water System

Mr. Jason Tohet, Operator, Sidwalter Wastewater Treatment Plant